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In re Application of:

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED JUNE 13, 2006**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 13, 2006, for which the date for response is July 13, 2006.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Director is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2027.631000RE.

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner stated restriction was required to one of four inventions:

Group	Claims	Directed to
I	1-23, 102	A method of producing lactic acid comprising use of a cultured yeast cell
II	24-79, 96-101, 103-113	A yeast host cell
III	80-95, 114-122	A medium to grow yeast
IV	123-128	A yeast plasmid

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-23 and 102, without traverse.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned patent agent at (713) 934-4065 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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